

From: Suzanne Ferguson [mailto:samiamiam113@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:15 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Building of 118 homes

Regarding the proposed building of 118 homes at the corner of N. Auburn Road and Border Road:

I understand that the City would benefit from the taxes, but to what extent. Many people came to Venice due to its small town appeal and its quaint charm, which it is quickly losing both. Also, as a full time resident in this area,, I am opposed to the building at this site due to the already high traffic on Edmondson Road, Border Road and Jacaranda, then add the seasonal traffic. The new housing developments already in progress on Jacaranda extension and Border Road will add even more traffic. Our roads are not built to handle all the car traffic AND the heavy truck traffic that will be generated.

I would like to add that the wild life, which is crucial to the eco system, will also be affected

Fox Lea Farm also needs to be taken into consideration. This farm is a highly regarded equestrian farm which would be will be affected..

In closing, a better suggestion would be to turn this site into a wild life preserve.

I am a concerned citizen for Venice ,

Suzanne Ferguson

Sent from my iPad

From: Detlef Fuhrmann [mailto:duisburg728@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:51 AM

To: citycouncil@venicegov.com; City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Cc: activity@sawgrassvenice.org

Subject: BUILD-OUT OF LAND ON THE CORNER OF N. AUBURN ROAD AND BORDER ROAD

Dear City Council Members,

It came to our attention, that the Venice Planning Commission had quietly approved a zoning change for the a.m. property to allow the construction of 118 homes, currently zoned for 8 homes.

We strongly oppose this zoning change for reasons below:

- 1) Presently the flora on the property significantly muffles the noise from I - 75
- 2) It also absorbs exhaust pollution from I -75
- 3) Negative impact of the fauna and flora on the property
- 4) Water flow along Curry Creek
- 5) 118 houses @ average 2 cars per household equals at least 236 additional cars on Auburn Road
- 6) Auburn Road is a small two lane road, with one lane in each direction only. It will cause major traffic jams and dangerous conditions, more noise and pollution
- 7) Incompatible with Sawgrass housing values
- 8) It would seriously impact the quality of life in the area, which is the exact opposite of what Venice is all about.

So, please accept our motion to not approve and not allow this overbuilding of the property in question.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Detlef Fuhrmann

Edith Bley-Fuhrmann

728 Sawgrass Bridge Road

From: George Kennedy [mailto:gskennedy@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 7:21 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Rezoning for Development of Land at Corner Auburn Road and Border Road

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in objection to changing zoning to permit higher density housing on subject property. Please consider our concern about the negative impact on our quality of life.

Respectfully,

George Kennedy
365 Turtleback Crossing
Venice, FL 34292

From: Eileen Altobelli [mailto:aealtobelli@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 5:54 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: proposed change

i am totally against the proposed change of zoning on auburn road from 8 units to 118 homes.
Traffic.noise,congestion are all minuses.
Please do not allow this to happen.

eileen altobelli
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From: Steve Wallace [mailto:swallace35@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 3:36 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Proposal for the Development on the Preserves of Venice

I wish to register my opposition to the reckless increased density proposal from 8 to 118 homes for subject land parcel next to Sawgrass, Waterford, and Fox Lea Farms. It does not appear to conform to the compatibility and density standards of the current Comprehensive Plan and would also have degrading environmental effects from increased traffic and I-75 noise pollution to both the parcel itself and proximate neighborhoods. Similar to the developer-friendly proposal to ghettoize Pinebrook South, this has the appearance of cavalier concern for Venice residents and the city as well. Please disapprove it.

Respectfully,

Stephen Wallace
Pinebrook South

From: Thomas McCann [mailto:TomMcCann36@msn.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 1:38 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Auburn/Border Road Project

I am a resident of Sawgrass and wish to voice my concern about the Venice Planning Commission's approval of the subject project. This is an extremely short-sighted decision and lacks any regard for the future of Venice itself and its residents. We all know the reputation that Venice has achieved among the communities of southwest Florida and this will only help to erode that standing. I hope someone has given the attention required to the future of the roundabout at Venice/Jacaranda as we will witness traffic problems beyond comprehension considering all the expansion in that area already underway and projects being contemplated such as the above subject. Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Tom McCann

From: Jim Bennett [mailto:jimbennettlaw@earthlink.net]

Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 8:22 AM

To: Victor Romano <vromano@sbcglobal.net>

Cc: John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>; Dick Longo <ralongo46@gmail.com>; PAUL MCCULLOUGH <plmesq@hotmail.com>; Richard Albright <richard2376@verizon.net>; Race Bergman <raceleigh1@comcast.net>; Ed Friedrich <ed.friedrich@yahoo.com>; John Toms <johntoms@verizon.net>; Michelle O'Neil <mmon@voyager.net>; Earl Middelthgon <ebmid@verizon.net>; Russ Russell <annelruss@verizon.net>; Liz O'Connor <Liz.OConnor@aquaticsystems.com>; Natalie Clagett <Natalie.Clagett@aquaticsystems.com>; Hank von der Linden <hvonder@msn.com>; Craig <eci2002@verizon.net>; City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>; Lori Stelzer <LStelzer@Venicegov.com>; activity@sawgrassvenice.org

Subject: Re: Proposed Built-Out of Land on the Corner of N. Auburn Rd and Border Rd

Unfortunately, the Mayor's response is not politician double talk. He can barely say what he has, because under the Sunshine law and also the rules of evidence in Florida, discussion of a quasi-judicial matter, which a case like this is, the only discussion a member of Council can have, once the matter has been filed, is in a public meeting. If the Mayor responded substantively, he would have to keep a record of not only what he said, and you responded, in as many cycles with you as there were, but he would have to do that with every other comment he responded to, and then have it put in the public record at the hearing. We even had something a bit like this in CT, though not as severe, but in this kind of situation, you should blame Florida law.

Jim

On Jun 24, 2017, at 8:01 AM, Victor Romano <vromano@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Dick Longo [mailto:ralongo46@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Vic Romano <vromano@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Liz O'Connor <Liz.OConnor@aquaticsystems.com>; Activity Sawgrass <activity@sawgrassvenice.org>; Race Bergman <raceleigh1@comcast.net>; Ed Friedrich <ed.friedrich@yahoo.com>; Hank von der Linden <hvonder@msn.com>; PAUL MCCULLOUGH <plmesq@hotmail.com>; Russ Russell <annelruss@verizon.net>; Natalie Clagett <Natalie.Clagett@aquaticsystems.com>; Michelle O'Neil <mmon@voyager.net>; City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>; Lori Stelzer <LStelzer@Venicegov.com>; Earl Middelthgon <ebmid@verizon.net>; Richard Albright <richard2376@verizon.net>; John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>; John Toms <johntoms@verizon.net>; Craig <eci2002@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: Proposed Built-Out of Land on the Corner of N. Auburn Rd and Border Rd

Other than a reminder for people to attend the meeting on Tuesday, June 27th at 9AM at City Hall, I don't think we should be posting notices castigating anyone.

Your comments about watching how the pols vote and holding them accountable is right on. We can discuss the FL laws and regulations next time we're together.

Dick Longo

On Jun 24, 2017 8:02 AM, "Victor Romano" <vromano@sbcglobal.net> wrote:
This is a typical politician double talk. There bottom line is for Sawgrass residents to keep score. We want to know who votes for it so we can vote against them next election time. I won't be here on the 27 so I hope at least 4 people take my place.

Victor Romano
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vromano@sbcglobal.net

On Jun 24, 2017, at 6:25 AM, John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Imhoff,

On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments. As this item is quasi-judicial, we cannot discuss it any further, except at the City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

John Holic

Mayor, City of Venice

From: Craig <eci2002@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 1:05:16 AM
To: John Holic; City Council
Cc: Lori Stelzer; Board of Directors Sca
Subject: Proposed Built-Out of Land on the Corner of N. Auburn Rd and Border Rd

Mayor Holic & Council Members,

Unfortunately, I cannot attend the 27 June 2017 meeting concerning the subject. In my previous correspondence (attached msg below), I addressed my concerns, which I am sure represent the views and opinions of many of the residents in the surrounding communities.

What is the impetus and compelling reason to change a plan from eight houses to 118? Why is the developer's leverage over the council so great that the voice and the welfare of the surrounding communities is of no concern? Is there a sound argument to this proposal or is this political payback for a campaign endorsement? And, if this development is approved, what impact fees will we collect to offset the cost to the infrastructure? Lastly, what is the benefit to those living in the vicinity of the project?

Thanks for your support.

Respectfully,

Edward & Patricia Imhoff
404 Otter Creek Drive
Venice, FL 34292

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On Jun 10, 2017, at 9:14 AM, John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com> wrote:

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On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.
Sincerely,
John Holic
Mayor, City of Venice

From: Craig <eci2002@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2017 10:44 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Comprehensive Plan for the Future Development of Venice

Council Members,

My wife and I are strongly opposed to any weakening of the Comprehensive Plan for the current and future development of the Venice Community. We don't need to intensify the traffic, noise, crime, and all the problems that arise from the increased population density that plague so many other cities throughout the nation. We already have infrastructure problems that need to be fixed. Focus on making Venice a better community and improving the roads, the schools, the trails, the parks, the beaches, and the many things that attract visitors and revenue to our city.

Too often, developers shoehorn as many people as possible into an urban area. They quickly run to another community, pocketing their profits as council members and county commissioners scramble to pass on a tax assessment to pay for additional schools, roads, police, fire stations, and a host of other unrecognized costs. That must not happen here.

We are not against growth. We are for planned growth that includes involvement of our citizenry, not the growth dictated by developers headquartered outside the community. That growth must be in our court and must not be a commercial agenda that leaves us with no say so on what we envision as our future. Don't permit outsiders to court you with all the great benefits that they plan to heap upon us.

We currently live and own property in Venice and intend to return to Venice before the end of the month. Give us some good news upon our return. Do the right thing. Please represent us with integrity.

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From: Craig [mailto:eci2002@verizon.net]
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To: John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>; City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
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From: Dean Statz [mailto:dean.statz@carlfstatz.com]

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 5:36 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Auburn Rd. Housing proposal

Hi,

I am a resident of Sawgrass in Venice and am very concerned about the housing proposal for N. Auburn Rd. I will not be able to make the meeting next week, but just wanted to say that I oppose this project and would like a better explanation of why it went from 8 homes to 118 home.

I would like the meeting minutes if possible.

Thanks

Dean Statz
370 Marsh Creek Rd.

From: enyjohnson@charter.net [mailto:enyjohnson@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 10:11 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: PROPOSED building on Auburn Rd

I am deeply concerned by the Venice Planning Commissions approval of plans to allow 118 homes on a plot zoned for 8!!

The negative impact is HUGE !! Why is this even being considered?

It immediately lowers property values in Sawgrass and Waterford golfing communities and definitely affects quality of life in this lovely neighborhood!

The impact on the Equestrian Mecca(Fox Lea Farm) would be massive!

Construction of that scope would be horrendous during horse shows.

I understand Fox Lea now generates \$15 million revenue for Venice.

Unbelievable that the commission would even consider changing that source of income.

PLEASE RECONSIDER

Carolyne Johnson

From: Carol and Igor Bishko <ibishko@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:21:59 AM

To: City Council

Cc: Lori Stelzer

Subject: Proposed "Affordable Housing" in the North Venice area

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To All Concerned Council Members,

As a resident, tax payer and voter of North Venice, I am voicing my opinion as being TOTALLY OPPOSED to the misconceived idea of permitting Affordable Housing to built in North Venice. Such a proposition would irreparably damage the quality of the surrounding North Venice communities.

I will be watching these matters closely and monitoring how each member of the council votes. The results will, without question, impact the outcome of the next election.

Sincerely,
Igor Bishko

265 Martellago Dr.
N. Venice

Sent from my iPad

From: rpwardell [mailto:rpwardell@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 1:56 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: North Auburn Road Planning Change.

The Planning Board approval for the site on North Auburn Road from 8 homes to 118 homes once again allows expanded density for an area where road and other infrastructure resources are not capable of properly handling the expansion.

Continued growth in our formerly rural areas is not good especially in sections that will cause overcrowding.

Please consider denial by the Council for this site.

Robert and Edith Wardell
493 Marsh Creek Road
Venice, FL 34292

From: Rosemary Grim [mailto:rosemarygrim@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 11:13 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Please do not allow 118 more homes to be built near Fox Lea Farms!

I ask that you make my dissatisfaction concerning the building of 118 homes on land currently approved for 8 homesites at the public hearing on June 27, 2017. This proposal is not considering all the detrimental effects such action would have on our environment ,water supply,flora, fauna, quality of life. Please, let's utilize common sense in this matter, and not allow money to cloud good judgement.

Rosemary Grim
635Sawgrass Bridge Rd.
Venice

Sent from my iPad

From: Janice Wilson [mailto:janice7827@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 2:18 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: North Auburn and Border Roads

Dear Sir or Madam,

My husband and I are extremely concerned about the approved plan that will allow for 118 homes to be built where only eight homes were formerly allowed to be built on North Auburn Road and Border Road. We are home owners in Sawgrass and Triano, and we are upset and concerned about the negative impact this decision will have on our property values, our quality of life, and most importantly on the environment.

We purchased in Venice because of the nature, quietness, and beauty of the area. We researched and visited many Florida areas including Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, Sarasota, and Naples when deciding where to purchase, and we settled on Venice due to the above factors. This possible building will greatly decrease these three factors which make Venice an attractive and desirable area in which to live.

Building 118 homes in this area will have a detrimental effect on the Sawgrass and Triano developments as well as on Venice as a whole. There will be environmental changes to the natural aesthetics along North Auburn Road as well as to the plants and animals that live in the area. We are greatly concerned about the increase in traffic, the noise level from local traffic and from 75, and the pollution this increase in vehicles to the area will cause. We are also concerned about how this will impact the water flow from Curry Creek. In addition to the environmental concerns, which are our greatest worry, the impact of these changes will negatively effect the value of our properties in Sawgrass and Triano.

The increased building in the Sawgrass area will be a detriment to Venice as a whole, increasing the number of people to our area and overcrowding the highways as well as the beaches. Venice Beach is a quiet retreat for those who don't want the hustle and bustle of busier beaches such as Naples and Siesta Key. This increased building will only decrease the serenity of Venice.

We are very upset that our quality of life will be severely impacted and we urge you to prevent this redevelopment. Venice needs to remain as one of the few coastal towns that retains the beauty, nature, peace, and serenity of Florida.

Sincerely,

Janice Wilson and Mark Sojak
599 Mossy Creek Rd
Venice, FL

From: Bob Cournoyer [mailto:rcourno999@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:03 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: The Preserves of Venice

June 20, 2017
To: Venice City Council
Regarding: The Preserves of Venice

Plans show the Preserves of Venice Development abutting Interstate 75 without addressing noise abatement.

Venice residents rely on local government to provide for the well-being of its citizens including protection from adverse environmental influences. Excessive noise creates adverse physical, physiological and psychological health effects. Elevated environmental sound levels such as highway noise can cause hearing impairment, hypertension, ischemic heart disease, annoyance, and sleep disturbance. The Journal of Environmental Research and Development (Vol. 8 No. 4, April-June 2014) provides an excellent reference regarding health effects of noise that is readily available on the Internet.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) encourages local governments to use their authority to regulate land development to either prohibit development of noise sensitive land uses adjacent to highways or establish requirements for developers to plan, design, and construct noise sensitive development using methods that minimize noise impacts.

Venice government has not taken the necessary steps to protect future Preserve residents from the considerable highway noise that the 6 lane Interstate 75 generates. This is an oversight without consequence until now. The proposed development is Venice's first RSF 2 neighborhood abutting I-75. What is done here will also set a precedent for any future I-75 abutting development. A twenty plus mile drive from Sarasota on I-75 reveals that all RSF 2 developments have solid walls to mitigate highway noise. The same can be observed south of Venice. What do these local governments and/or developers know that is not being addressed by the City of Venice and/or the developer?

The 20 foot wide berm that is in the plat does not provide noise abatement. Studies have shown that vegetation must be a minimum of 100 feet thick, a minimum of 20 feet high and sufficiently dense (100% opacity) to provide a 5-dB(A) noise reduction. The retention pond and roadway are considered acoustically hard and will provide very little noise attenuation for those new Venice Preserve homes that do not directly abut I-75. Imagine a home where you can't enjoy conversation at a family outdoor barbecue due to noise, where a distressed child's cry is lost in the highway's din, where the roar of a heavy semi or scream of a motorcycle disrupts sleep night after night. This is not the Venice anyone desires.

Venice's City Council, Planning Commission, Planning and Zoning Departments and perhaps others need to correct the oversight and put in place regulations that allow for future development while assuring the I-75 abutting neighborhoods will be both an enjoyable and a healthy place to live. Failure to do so may expose Venice and its tax payers to health claim liabilities as the effects of excessive noise take its toll. The argument that the highway was there at the time the new home owners purchased is a weak one at best. There is no way to really estimate how noisy the neighborhood will be without expert acoustical engineering evaluation. Experts are called upon to determine drainage, traffic, sewer and water utilization, wildlife presence etc. Now is the time to add highway noise assessment to the requirements. There are engineering firms that can do the assessment and make appropriate recommendations. There is no need to gamble with Venice citizen's health or future tax payer liabilities.

Chapter 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 772 (23CFR 772) entitled "Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise" contains the federal regulations for the assessment of traffic noise impacts and abatement. Chapter 335.17 of the Florida Statutes requires the use of 23 CFR 772 for traffic noise impact assessments. These regulations can be adopted as is or modified to meet our local needs.

Two Requests of the City Council;

Implement noise abatement regulations for this project and future I-75 highway abutting developments prior to approving the Preserves of Venice plans.

Initiate a risk assessment of Venice's legal liabilities due to health issue claims arising in future years should the Preserves of Venice progress without appropriately addressing the known health hazards associated with excessive highway noise.

Robert F. Cournoyer
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Venice, Florida
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F & A

Victor M. Romano

708 Egret Walk Lane

Venice, Florida 34292

June 11, 2017

Councilman Bob Daniels
City of Venice
401 W. Venice Avenue
Venice, Florida 34285

Dear Councilman Daniels:

My wife Charlene and I have been full-time residents here in Sawgrass, in Venice for almost five years. We have been property owners and voters here for 12 years. We came here because of what Venice was then and has remained for most of these years. While we understand growth, (we lived in Southern California for 24 years and saw what it did there) we do not agree with filling up every little postage stamp sized piece of property with homes. We completely and without reservation disagree with your plans to develop 39 acres on Auburn and Border roads with anything at all. Our disagreement is based on the following factors:


- The destruction of open space;
- The intensification of noise from I-75;
- The infusion of traffic, an estimate of 200 plus more vehicles in and out daily;
- Construction collateral damage, noise, dust, diesel fumes, other airborne and water borne effluents;
- Destruction of avian habitats including those for bald eagles;
- Negative impact on traffic, parking, schools, beaches and greater demands upon fire, safety and police resources;
- Road safety (ask your own Police Department who refer to Auburn Road as the Auburn Road Speedway).
- Storm water retention practices; 118 homes will have roofs, sidewalks, driveways, patios and roads, all impervious surfaces. Rainfall will wash off these surfaces and carry surface materials, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and other unwanted materials into the surrounding areas and most likely will flow our way, towards Sawgrass not I-75 or Foxlea Farms;

We moved here because it WAS NOT Tampa, St Petersburg, Naples, Ft Myers or even Sarasota. It was Venice, the City on the Gulf. Look at your own website promoting:

Venice ranks No. 2 in state on Best Cities to Retire list

Why are you so determined to change this? Look at what is coming on Honore Blvd. This is NOT what we bought into. You must be responsive to and responsible for the people of Venice, Florida. Please do not approve this project.

Respectfully,


Victor M. Romano

From: joanpenta@comcast.net [mailto:joanpenta@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 10:26 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: N. Auburn Rd and Border Rd proposed 118 homes

City Council of Venice,

I am a concerned home owner at Sawgrass.

Considering the amount of homes being built in Venice right now this is too many to add to Venice. Plus the amount of water for these homes is a consideration.

Please do not allow these homes to be built.

Thank you.

Bob and Joan Penta

From: Glenda Tibaldi [mailto:gbondtibaldi@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 5:28 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Proposed build-out of land on corner of Auburn Road and Border Road

Please do not support the proposed build-out of land on the corner of Auburn Road and Border Road.

Council members were elected by those who currently live in the Venice community, and I am asking you to use your leadership wisely to avoid destroying the quality of life we moved here to enjoy. It is my opinion that increasing the zoning from 8 homes to 118 homes will have a negative impact especially on those living in the surrounding areas. Do not cater to the special interests of developers and keep in mind the congestion, noise, loss of natural environment and devaluing of property values for homeowners in the immediate vicinity of this proposed development.

Please consider current residents when planning growth for our beautiful city.

Thank you

Glenda Bond-Tibaldi

433 ArborView Lane, Sawgrass

From: Stanley Yaro [mailto:sltyaro@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 12:11 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Build Out--N. Auburn Road

City Council,

It is a sad time in Venice!!!

My wife and I live in Venice (Sawgrass) year around for the past 6 years. We vacationed in Venice and Sarasota for over 10 years prior to retiring to this beautiful city. We chose this location because of the quality of life, "quaint" small city atmosphere, minimal traffic, beautiful preserves and great health care services.

However, in the last 2-3 years our elected officials have decided to make major changes to the landscape of the city that originally inspired a majority of the full time residents to make Venice their home!!

I believe greed, lack of insight by council members, giving in to developers and no understanding of the long term impact on the community is causing Venice to become a not so desirable city to live in. With all the new development, the city and its citizens will pay a tremendous price. Increase in traffic congestion, increase in crime, drugs and other criminal issues, and little or no natural beauty will definitely impact the environment.

The "approved" allowable housing of 118 new homes on N. Auburn and Border Roads will have a major impact on Auburn and Edmundson Roads. Basically 236 additional automobiles traveling on either road is required in order to obtain access to an already over crowded E. Venice Avenue. This is in addition to traffic coming from the Milano development. The infrastructure cannot handle this increase along with all the new development across from Jacaranda Avenue.

I am asking the council to reduce the number of single family homes on N. Auburn Road to a number significantly less than 118. If not, the quality of life will suffer greatly and we will become another Bradenton, Sarasota or Ft. Myers. The final decision rests with this council.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Stan and Linda Yaro

From: Pat Elder [mailto:pelder@montacademy.org]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 1:40 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Auburn Road development

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that I am strongly opposed to the zoning variance you have apparently supported to enable dense building of homes (allowing a total of 118 homes vs. the currently zoned 8 homes) in the project scheduled at the corner of Auburn and Border Roads.

What are you thinking? A development such as is being proposed, with the significant increase in housing density will have several negative impacts on the area:

- Changes to the natural aesthetics along N. Auburn Road
- Traffic noise levels: from I-75; traffic from the new residents of this proposed development; from traffic to/from other housing that currently is or will be introduced on Border Road
- Environmental changes to the flora and fauna on the property
- ***Incompatibility with Sawgrass housing standards/values***
- It will seriously compromise the activities at Fox Lea Farms and potentially could cause them to find a new home or go out of business. I would suggest that the Shows at Fox Lea Farms have a strong economic impact on Venice. Why would you want to compromise that activity?

The growth of housing in Venice has been unbelievably high. Council has been very generous in allowing the developers to come to town and do just about everything they want to do. Your plans to rewrite the comprehensive plan regarding the guidelines for the development in Venice is a case in point. Many of the changes you have proposed, read as though the document has been written by and on behalf of the housing construction industry. Your job – as City Council – is, in part, to act as the guardian of our community. You aren't doing much of a quality job in that department!

Going back to the Auburn Road rezoning: it had been denied at a recent meeting and then, at the last minute – as everyone was leaving the meeting - a suggestion was made in an effort to get the rezoning passed. What was that all about? It seemed as though the huge majority of people at that meeting were against the rezoning, while only the developer was in favor of it. Yet, based on the last minute suggestion, the rezoning was approved! Whose interests are you protecting? Obviously not those of the adjacent neighbors – who will be most significantly impacted by this insane change of zoning.

What is your real purpose serving on Venice City Council? Is your purpose to encourage housing development by changing the requirements and lowering the standards and living conditions in Venice? If your answer is yes, I would have to say you are doing one hell of a fine job!

Growth can be a beautiful thing – if done with care. When you assure the community of your commitment to sustaining quality by maintaining or even increasing the standards, that is a good thing. When you reduce the standards, your interests come into question. Residents must become concerned with protecting their property values – because city council doesn't seem to care.

If your job is to be the guardian of our community and to maintain the high quality that exists here which is an attraction to people and encourages them to want to move here – then I'd say you have fallen asleep at the wheel! You do not seem to have the best interests of the general population in

mind; rather, you seem to have the best interests of the developers – who may or may not even reside here in Venice – at the center of your attention.

It's time for a conscience check! Please do so before you continue down this path you seem to be on, which is going to ruin the integrity of Venice.

Respectfully,
Patricia M. Elder (registered voter in Venice)
325 Otter Creek Drive
Venice, FL 34292

From: Mary Longo [mailto:mum.longo@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 9:21 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Preserves of Venice

Mr. Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing today to ask you to reject the development planned for the corner of Auburn and Border Rds. The proposal approved by the Planning Commission represents the worst kind of over development. We expect and would even welcome responsible growth in Venice but continually allowing developers to increase the density allowed does nothing to improve the city or its residents' quality of life.

Increased traffic, noise, and environmental problems aren't the only problems associated with the proposed development. Surrounding communities will suffer significant loss in property values if the Preserves is built as planned. I can't believe you support this potential damage and loss to our beautiful community.

Thank you for your consideration and support,

Mary Longo

Sent from my iPad

From: Mollie Sevcik [mailto:mollie.sevcik@icloud.com]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 8:17 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: The Preserves of Venice Feedback

I wanted to reply concerning the public hearing on The Reserves of Venice.

My first concern revolves around the ability of Venice infrastructure.

- Are the water lines, electrical substations adequate?

* I notice our water flow is not always the best and I am concerned another housing development will make it that much worse.

* what about the strain on the power substations? Will they need to be increased? Who is going to pay?

* will additional stop lights be required? Or stop signs? This will affect the flow of traffic that much more especially during the peak season.

My vote at this point is no.

Sincerely,

Mollie Sevcik
1727 Moon Drive
Venice Florida

Sent from my iPhone

From: L K [mailto:lynnk_10541@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 6:16 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: 8 home zoning turning into 114?

Respectfully,

I am a home owner and resident of Florida, residing at 377 Marsh Creek Rd., Venice, Fl. 34292.

I am very concerned with the idea of rezoning a parcel of land from 8 home sites to 114.

Our resources are strained already and no extra building is necessary. Our roads will be crowded, our noise level will increase, our already stretched water shed will be strained. We do not need more building in the area and certainly no rezoning.

Thank you,

Lynn Koretsky

From: norman belgarde [mailto:n.belgarde@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 4:56 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Preserves of Venice

Please do not approve this new development. Let's "preserve" what we have there. Good grief, look what's going in at Jacaranda/Border road. Enough already! Let's pause for a while and reflect on all of the current development.

Sent from my iPhone

From: cindyjfox@aol.com [mailto:cindyjfox@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 4:29 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Border and Auburn development

As homeowners in Auburn Hammocks off Auburn Road we totally disagree with any increase in the number of houses allowed. The negative impact on the area would be bad, and could be a precedent for more overbuilding in the future.

cindyjfox@aol.com

From: laura.gardner13@gmail.com [mailto:laura.gardner13@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 11:43 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: The plan for 118 homes at Auburn and Border Rds

To City Council,

We are very concerned about the Venice Planning Commission's recent approval to allow 118 homes to go into an area that was previously zoned for 8. We have already owned a condo in Venice for several years.

We just purchased another home in Sawgrass and we don't even close until June 28. We called the county

before we wrote the contract and they assured us there were no plans to change Auburn Road by either widening it or allowing a large build out. As our new home backs into Auburn, we certainly hope that the City Council will over rule the Planning Commission.

We cannot understand their rationale, especially when our infrastructure is already majorily overburdened.

We cannot understand how the city and residents of Venice will benefit from this transaction. Lower income housing will negatively impact our property values as well as Venice's in general. Hopefully, there are some sane heads that will prevail on this issue. We plan to attend the meeting on June 27.

Thank you,

Dave and Laura Gardner

333 the Esplanade N #603

Venice FL 34285

From: Alfred Bowen [mailto:dalebowen@dalebowen.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 10:25 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Housing Development Proposed for Auburn and Border Road

Attention Council Members

I recently moved to Venice from Virginia Beach, Va. and am residing in Sawgrass. Love this city and am glad I made this move. Venice and Va. Beach have a lot of similarities...seaside suburban communities with a good quality of life. When I read about the proposed development of 118 homes on the parcel that was zoned for eight homes I was concerned and hoping Venice would not follow the same path as Virginia Beach. Years ago Virginia Beach was a delightful seaside city but overdevelopment and lack of leadership created a variety of problems...losing the vision of what the citizens wanted by catering to developers special interests.

Venice should fulfill their vision of a city by the gulf, that is not over developed, as this is what attracted me to this area and makes it a wonderful place to live.

Dale Bowen
669 Egret Walk Lane
Venice

From: Karen Scott [mailto:scottfairfax@msn.com]

Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 9:40 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: 118 new homes

Have the people of the Venice Government lost their minds? Are you trying to bring down the value of every house in Venice, not to mention the environmental and quality of life issues? The people of Venice do not want more and more housing developments. Aren't you supposed to be representing the citizens? What possible motivation could you have approving 118 more homes in a space that was supposed to be for 8? Try listening to us and not the builders for a change. I am looking forward to the next election and I'm sure everyone else is too.

Karen Scott

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From: Gerri Hallgren [mailto:riverview006@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 8:27 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: 118 Homes on Auburn Rd.

Please reconsider the approval of the new development at Auburn and Border(Edmonson)Rd!!!!
I believe this decision will have a negative impact on the environment, noise pollution, traffic and most importantly, the unique character of Venice!!!
Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the next City Council meeting.
Thank you for keeping Venice the best place to live in FL!
Gerri Hallgren
546 Sawgrass Bridge Rd.
Venice

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tonya Sauppe [mailto:tonyasauppe@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 7:11 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: 118 new homes on Auburn road

My concern for the proposed 118 new homes to be built on Auburn road is all the trees that will be cut down which will make the noise from I-75 terrible.

We lived on the island for 12 years until the traffic drove us off. We moved to Sawgrass because it was quiet and peaceful but still close enough to the island so we could go there in minutes.

My husband is a realtor and we are very aware of all the building going on countywide, it is making it harder and harder to shop, go to dinner etc.

We don't want this project to go through. It will take the peace and quiet out of our life. Please let it remain as it is zoned.

Thank you and thank you for your service.

Tonya Sauppe

Sent from my iPhone

From: Msiesta2@aol.com [mailto:Msiesta2@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 4:35 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: re approval for 118 units on Auburn Rd

My wife and I are residents of Sawgrass and Florida residents. We are writing you to express our Extreme displeasure and opposition to your recent approval of 118 units on Auburn Rd. This will have a detrimental effect on the environment including Curry Creek and the unique area that includes Fox Lea Farms. The resulting density will also affect the noise level in the area. Rezoning a piece of property from 8 units to 118 is inexcusable and irresponsible. You are clearly bowing to the developer's interest over that of the community and environment. We are unable to attend the meeting on the 26th however we urge you in the strongest possible terms to rescind your approval

Sincerely,

Martin and Nancy Siesta
660 Egret Walk Lane
Venice FL 34292

From: Vincent Bunce [mailto:vbunce2@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 8:42 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Auburn Road New Development

It is perhaps time to halt or slow down the rapid, uncontrolled home building here in Venice. Our infrastructure needs to catch up. 118 homes on a plot currently zoned for 8 homes! Ridiculous! Build homes there? Sure, but cut it back to a more realistic quantity. Allow 10 or 20. That is still progress. Taxable real estate would still be sizeable with the larger homes

Come on Planning Commission, get a handle on this.

Vincent Bunce
503 Sawgrass Bridge RD
Venice, FL 34292

From: Joseph Mastrorilli [mailto:sgtjoey@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 7:43 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Enough is Enough

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have been a resident of Venice Florida for eight years. Prior to living here full time I spent three years in Venice as a "Snowbird". Moving here to Venice from the city of Boston to retire, was a dream come true. My wife and I fell in love with the small town character and charm that Venice had to offer during our first seasonal stay. Prior to our first stay in Venice, we visited and stayed with family and friends in Naples, Clearwater, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, and Key West. We found all of those locations much too busy and noisy with traffic, people, and a shortage of available parking.

Since residing here eight years ago, we have seen the city of Venice and it's surrounding area becoming over built with housing. This over building has now caused much traffic congestion, road rage, bicycle riders violating the laws of the road, a shortage of available parking over crowding at restaurants, beaches, places of worship, long lines at supermarkets, three to four month waits for medical appointments, increase in noise and air pollution, and the destruction of the natural habitat and conservation areas for wildlife. I fear that these impacts on the quality of life will only become worse if the city of Venice continues to overbuild. On top of this, the City is already being directly impacted by the overbuilding now taking place at Grand Palm, Stoneybrook, Milano, Gran Paradiso, Island Walk, Sarasota National, Watercrest, Caribbean Village, and the West Villages, just to

name a few. More vehicles equals more accidents, equals higher car insurance rates.

I am a resident in Sawgrass. The proposed construction of 118 homes on North Auburn Road will just aggravate the declining quality of life that is now taking place in Venice. The city's infrastructure will be under a burdensome stress with more calls for fire, police and ems services, let alone water and other public works. With the city traffic problems and lack of parking the downtown city merchants will suffer financially. As a result of the above serious negative impacts on our quality of life, I fear that home values will decrease accordingly.

On several occasions this past winter I drove downtown and was stopped in backed up traffic heading west on Venice Ave at the Intersection of Cherry and Venetian ! This type of traffic issue will hinder emergency response vehicles. When the Venice Ave intercoastal way bridge is up for water craft traffic, roadway vehicle traffic congestion will only be worse.

Enough is enough!

I'm requesting that a ban be put in place for all current and future building of residential communities in our city.

Joseph P. Mastrorilli
Retired Police Sergeant Detective
306 Marsh Creek Rd.

From: James Bradley [mailto:briscojim@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 6:38 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Auburn road development

I wish to register my objection to the expanded development on auburn road!!!
James Bradley
648 Misty Pine Dr.
Venice, FL 34292

From: Donna Vander Wal [mailto:donnavanderwal@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 6:12 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Building on Auburn and Border

Please do not approve the building of 118 homes

Sent from my iPhone

From: ths500@aol.com [mailto:ths500@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 5:15 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Proposed change in zoning - Auburn and Border Roads

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the plan to allow 118 homes to be built on land currently zoned for only 8 homes located near Auburn and Border Roads.

We purchased our home in Sawgrass with the understanding the property along Auburn could only be minimally developed. Traffic noise would, therefore, be minimal. That was the case until the Jacaranda extension was built, which resulted in substantially increased traffic from the developments north of Laurel Road. Allowing the re-zoning and development of the Auburn Road property will certainly further increase traffic noise and congestion along with reducing property values and quality of living.

We recognize the desire of developers to build as many homes as possible, but would hope the City Council will carefully consider the negative impact to existing home owners.

Please consider how you would vote if this development was being proposed next to your home. Your "no" vote will be greatly appreciated.

Tom and Cindy Spence
405 Arborview Lane
Venice, FL 34292

From: Robert Viaene [mailto:robert.viaene@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 4:50 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Planning Commission Approval

To All:

I am a resident of the Central Venice Community and just learned that the planning commission has approved development of the area at Auburn Border Rd. I want to express my sincere dissatisfaction with that decision and implore the Mayor and Council to not move this development forward, as you well know, the area of central Venice has had tremendous new development growth in the last several years. The growth that is already in place and under development will strain the existing infrastructure and resources and make this area of Venice too congested.

Please consider denying this proposal. Thanks for listening.

Robert Viaene

-----Original Message-----

From: kathleen hanna [mailto:kathleenahanna@hotmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 12:44 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Corner of N. Auburn and Border Rd.

Believe the City Council and Planning Commission are being reckless with our quality of life in Venice. More is not always better, and in this case it is not. Sawgrass is a very nice community and we want to keep it that way. Building smaller houses to squeeze more homes in, noise from 75, more traffic, our nature lands etc etc are all in jeopardy. I hope our words are being considered to only allow 8 homes vs 118 on this parcel.

Thank you for allowing us to respond and be at meetings to be heard.

From: Gary Grim [mailto:garygrim487@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 12:33 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Proposed build out of land on N. Auburn Road

I am concerned about the council's approval of the building of 118 homes on the subject property. This land is currently approved for 8 home sites and should not be developed in the planned fashion. I am a resident of Sawgrass and I feel this plan would negatively impact the future of Sawgrass and the city of Venice. It will impact the environment of flora and fauna on the property and will greatly increase automobile traffic on both Border and N. Auburn roads. It will also impact the water flow along Curry Creek.

The approval of 118 houses in this area will severely impact the quality of life for the current residents of Sawgrass and surrounding areas and should not go forward. The council should dramatically decrease the number of planned homes for that area, to the current zone density of 8 homes.

I ask that you make my dissatisfaction a part of the council's public hearing on June 27, 2017.

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Gary L. Grim
635 Sawgrass Bridge Road
Venice, FL 34292
941-484-9818

From: Fred Rothacker [mailto:frothacker@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 12:27 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Building of homes on Border and Auburn Road property

My wife and I are registered voters and residents in Sawgrass, at 683 Pond Willow Lane.

We are vehemently opposed to the proposal to build the 118 homes on subject property. The building "boom" is entirely out of hand in Florida and should be drastically curtailed.

Sincerely,

Fred and Carole Rothacker

From: Charles Clemency [mailto:cclmency@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 12:18 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Re-zoning of parcel # 0399-04-0001

Dear Sirs:

I would like to express my opposition to the re-zoning of parcel # 0399-04-0001 at the corner of Auburn and Border roads. I believe that this re-zoning will have a negative impact on the ambience and environment of this area and will adversely affect the livability and value of my home in the Sawgrass development. To increase the number of units from 39 to over 100 is unconscionable to the residents of Sawgrass. This area is already becoming over-crowded with traffic. Surely a more reasonable number can be negotiated with the developers of this properties.

Please consider the adverse effects on the people of Sawgrass and others in this neighborhood.

Thank you.

Charles and Carol Clemency
443 Otter Creek Dr.
Venice, FL 34292

From: Carla Gabbard [mailto:carla.gabbard@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 11:44 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Recent ruling.

So disappointed in your recent approval of an additional 118 homes on the corner of Auburn Border Rds. So, I guess the opinion of current owners AND taxpayers doesn't count. I thought the zoning was currently for only EIGHT additional homes. Makes me think that you folks are being bought by the highest bidder. Very sad.

From: Jean Garofoli [mailto:jeangarofoli@icloud.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 11:44 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Cc: activity@sawgrassvenice.org

Subject: Proposed BUILD-OUT OF LAND on the corner of N. AUBURN ROAD and Border Road

Venice Planning Commission members:

I am gravely concerned regarding the proposed BUILD-OUT OF LAND on the corner of N. AUBURN ROAD and Border Road. The approval of the plan that will allow 118 HOMES on land CURRENTLY ZONED FOR 8 HOMES will have a NEGATIVE IMPACT not only on the Sawgrass Community but also all of Venice known for its quaint character and well endowed natural environment. The Environmental changes to the flora and fauna in the area as well as detrimental water flow of Curry Creek, noise pollution and the diminishment of the natural aesthetics along N. Auburn Road should be obvious to all! This is an atrocity and quite unfair to the current residents and voting constituency of Venice. This needs to be STOPPED and alternatives for revenue generation that are compatible with the environment and community be explored so that the aesthetic, cultural and character of Venice can be preserved.

**Jean Garofoli MPH
Sawgrass resident**

Sent from my iPad

From: patjandacek@gmail.com [mailto:patjandacek@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Pat Jandacek
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 9:43 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: The Preserves -

Absolutely not! Like every well-established business has suffered when neighborhoods are created nearby, there will be complaints about what Fox Lea has been doing for years, long before the complainers moved in knowing full well what was alongside their property. Fox Lea will be driven out and I understand they provide a big boost to the economy year-round. Besides that, the wild creatures do need SOME place to live!

This week I moved from Venice because of the mammoth amount of subdivisions already underway. The leniency afforded developers and what it's doing to Venice is just too much!

Pat Jandacek,
1390 Brenner Park Drive
(Waterford)

From: Bud Morrow [mailto:hawkeye7481@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 8:49 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: auburn development

I am assuming that none of the city officials reside in this area or someone would question the logic of the present suggested density. If your ultimate plan is to force the horse farm out of business, you are on the right track. REMEMBER, HORSES, smell, attract flies leave semi solid waste, and attract other horse lovers. Noise will be present as well. Please use some logic and reject the current request.

Bud Morrow
hawkeye7481@verizon.net

From: Barbara Viaene [mailto:barbara.viaene@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 7:34 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Proposed Development

I am a resident of Central Venice and want to express my views about the recent Venice Planning Commission action with regard to the corner of Auburn and Border Rd. I cannot support this decision and hope that the council sees that this proposed density will add to the already strained resources in that corner of the central Venice area. The roadways are clearly insufficient to add another 118 residents with 1 or 2 cars each. The quality of life we currently enjoy is being threatened every day with additional development, to change from a density of 8 homes to 118 is unconscionable to current residents in that area, who number plenty and represent a large % of the voting public in Venice.

Please consider the impact to the flora and fauna and the natural aesthetics of the area, you must agree that Venice has been very development friendly and it is time to preserve what cannot be replaced.

Thanks for listening.

Barb Viaene

From: mrgtrdoyle [mailto:mrgtrdoyle@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 6:24 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Proposed 118 homes on the corner Auburn and Border

Please don't approve this. There isn't one person I've spoke with over the last year that isn't totally against further development in Venice.

I've owned property here for 14 years. It's becoming a real turnoff.

Thank you.

Margaret Doyle
Waterford

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Langan [mailto:jflsr36@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 12:53 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Border Rd & Auburn Rd development

Way to many homes for this land.

Jim Langan 1611 Liscourt Dr Venice 34292

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: BAHMuther [mailto:bahmuther@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 11:48 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: 118 homes

That corner is so busy now ,118 homes will be a desaster,a Weterford resident

From: COACH STEVENS [mailto:snevetsde@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 10:47 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Cc: kenandheide@verizon.net
Subject: New Development Corners Auburn & Border Roads

Dear Council Members:

Growth is inevitable in the Venice area. Assuming you and the developer will adhere to good land development process and procedures, my only suggestion to you is:

A noise buffer along I-75S between the highway and the community is a must. Living in the Ashley Place community in Waterford, just north of this proposed development, I can attest to the noise and soot nuisance created by I-75.

The Council should consider testing the noise in Ashley Place and Waterford in conjunction with this development, if approved, and install a buffer (wall, shrubs/trees, etc.) at the same time to reduce the cost while the equipment and manpower is in the area.

Your consideration will be appreciated...Dave Stevens, 1835 Ashley Drive in Ashley Place.

From: George Feeney [mailto:ggpie1@verizon.net]

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 9:12 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: New homes Auburn & Border Roads

As a nearby resident, I am opposed to this proposal mainly on the grounds of there is already to much construction in this area, mainly on the east side of HW 75. We need to preserve more open land on the west side of HW 75. Thank you.

George Feeney
ggpie1@verizon.net

-----Original Message-----

From: George Barnes [mailto:geolinbar302c@verizon.net]

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 8:32 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Preserve of Venice @Border and Auburn

This is not something that would be beneficial to the area and all the residents nearby. Enough homes are being constructed in other areas and this would become a burden in relationship to the capacity of the existing roads which are all two lanes and additional traffic would be very cumbersome and show a greater wear on them. Also, the increase in sewage requirements are enormous and what affect would that have on all the existing homes. This is a very quaint relaxed area of Venice which does not need all the extra infrastructure and associated costs which may face a bursting bubble with all the new construction already underway (West Villages, Milano, WaterCrest and the likes). Too much new building is not necessarily something good.

This is not something we would want to see Sincerely George and Linda Barnes

1428 Turnberry Dr

Venice Fl 34292

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: rchnjh@aol.com [mailto:rchnjh@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 8:34 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: RE: The Preserve at Auburn & Border rd.

There are to many housing developments now. Preserve some nature settings.

Ronald Harman

Sent from my iPad .

From: donadoe@comcast.net [mailto:donadoe@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 1:17 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Housing developments

I live at 762 Egret Walk Lane 250 feet from the entrance of the future development of the Preserves of Venice. I am astonished at the numbers of homes that are being squeezed into that land. During the three meetings I have attended, the vision of Venice on the wall is written as a small vibrant ,charming, historic community in which to live, learn, work and play. How does increased traffic, extreme building, development on all vacant lands, destruction of environment and loss of our wildlife follow this vision? Do we have to fill all undeveloped areas just to make the developers become wealthier than they already are (especially Pat Neal who has bragged about selling over 10,000 houses a few months ago) or do we keep the Venice Vision and enjoy our beautiful city, and gradually accept the growth that will enhance our lives rather than smother them ? I do appreciate all the time and effort everyone is making in order to solve this difficult situation and I am hoping that we can all come to a compatible answer.

Sincerely, Donna Shader

From: David Stafford [<mailto:stafford5@msn.com>]

Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2017 1:09 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Development on Auburn Road

We submitted a petition to the Planning Board to stop the development on Auburn Road with 51 signatures.

We currently are on the Queen Mary 2 on the high seas and can not be at the council meeting on the 12th. We hope you will deny the application and save our environment, the Fox Lea Farm and keep our traffic down. There has been too much growth lately in Venice. Lets keep Venice a nice town not like Ft Myers or Naples. Also Fox Lee brings in \$\$\$\$ to Venice.

Sincerely

David and Charlotte Stafford

756 Egret Walk Ln

Venice, FL

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From: mojobentley@comcast.net [<mailto:mojobentley@comcast.net>]

Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2017 3:08 PM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Cc: Bentley, Maureen <mojobentley@comcast.net>

Subject: Upcoming/Monday Meeting

Dear City Council Members,

We are unable to attend the meeting on Monday at 1 PM, but we wish to express our opposition to the planned rezoning and development along Auburn and Edmonson Road, near Sawgrass. We do not live in Sawgrass, but in nearby Triano, and this is our concern for the traffic, density, and aesthetics. We are strongly against the proposal, the lack of consideration for the neighborhood, and the encroachment and potential harm to the Fox Lea Farm. We implore you to please NOT grant the zoning change requested. Sincerely, Maureen & Joe Bentley.

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From: JANICE TOPPER [mailto:jctadv@outlook.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:55 AM
To: john.holic@venicegov.com; City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Subject: The Preserves

This email concerns the pending application for rezoning of the property adjacent to Fox Lea Farm, commonly referred to as The Preserves.

Our research shows that the city services required by residential development, including new schools, cost the city anywhere from \$1.53 to \$2.26 per \$1.00 of tax revenue collected.

Has a Cost of Services analysis been done for this development? Or any other pending residential developments in Venice?

One way to mitigate this shortfall is to decrease the **density** of the residential development and balance the shortfall with commercial/industrial properties that have an average, documented Cost of Services of approx. \$0.57.

We, the taxpayers of Venice, are not prepared to subsidize through our taxes, the wishes of developers. The recent property tax increase we experienced was painful. The property in question was zoned for 8 homes for a reason. To subvert the intent of the zoning because a developer is asking you to serves no public interest.

Have you considered freezing development until there is a Cost of Services analysis completed for this and other pending projects?

Why should a developer get what they want just because they want it? Now is a good time to puts the brake on this gravy train and just say NO.

Very truly yours,

Jeff Falk
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